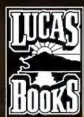




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Building a base of operations on the corrupt planet of Mandalore, Maul plotted revenge against his many enemies. But Maul's lust for power and conquest has drawn a great enemy upon him—his former master, Darth Sidious.

Judging Maul a threat to his own designs, Sidious defeated his former apprentice, ruthlessly murdering Maul's brother Savage Opress and leaving Maul beaten but, curiously, still alive . . .



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SECRET PRISON KNOWN
ONLY TO A FEW...



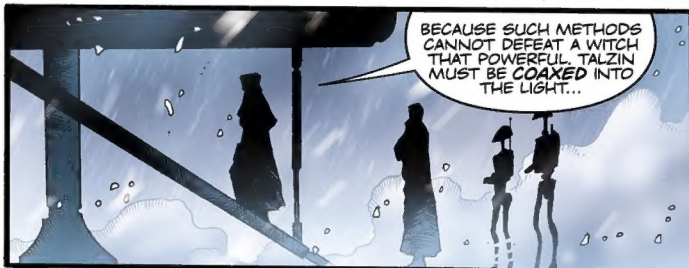
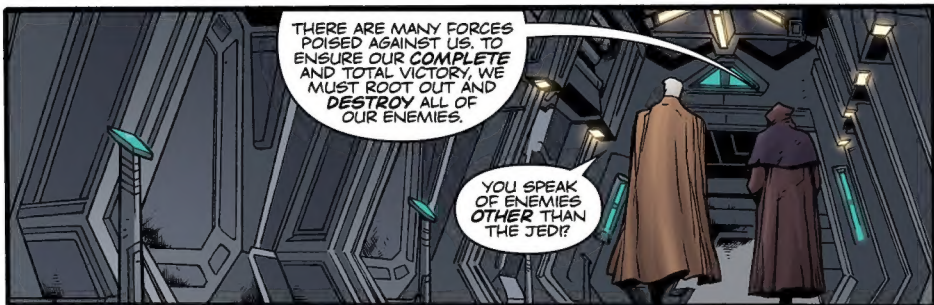
IT WOULD
BE WISE TO
KILL ME.

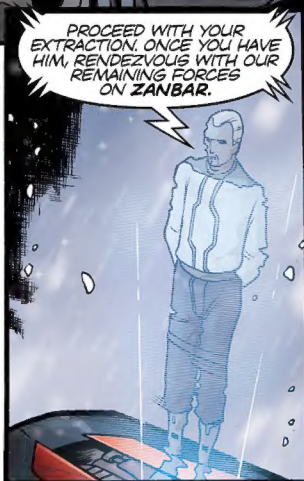
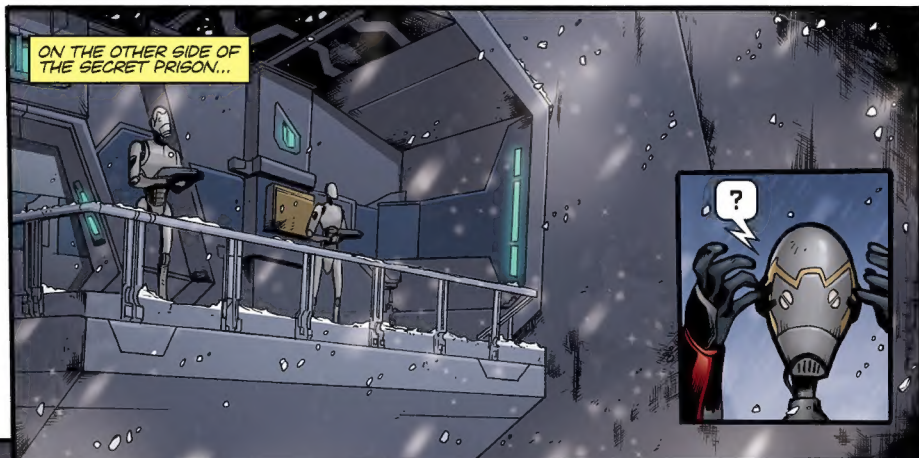


DO
NOT MISTAKE
THE FACT THAT
I HAVE ALLOWED
YOU TO LIVE FOR
COMPASSION,
MY FORMER
APPRENTICE.











THE HUTTS HAVE ABANDONED YOU, MAUL. BUT **BLACK SUN** AND THE **PYKES** REMAIN LOYAL.

I WANT YOUR RESOURCES AND YOUR SWAY OVER THE **BLACK MARKET**.



YOU ARE **DOOKU** - THE **JEDI** BETRAYER? I HAVE HEARD MUCH OF YOU SINCE MY REBIRTH.

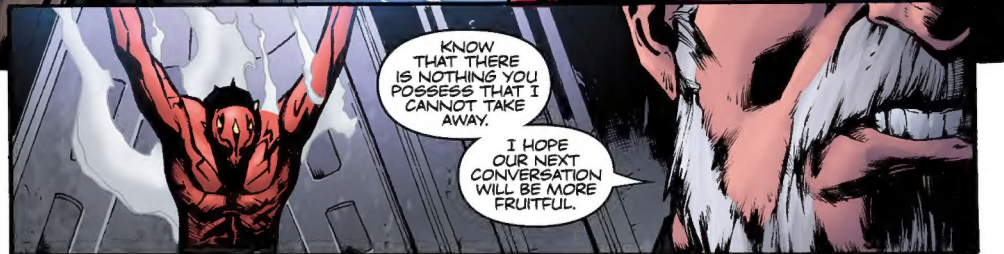
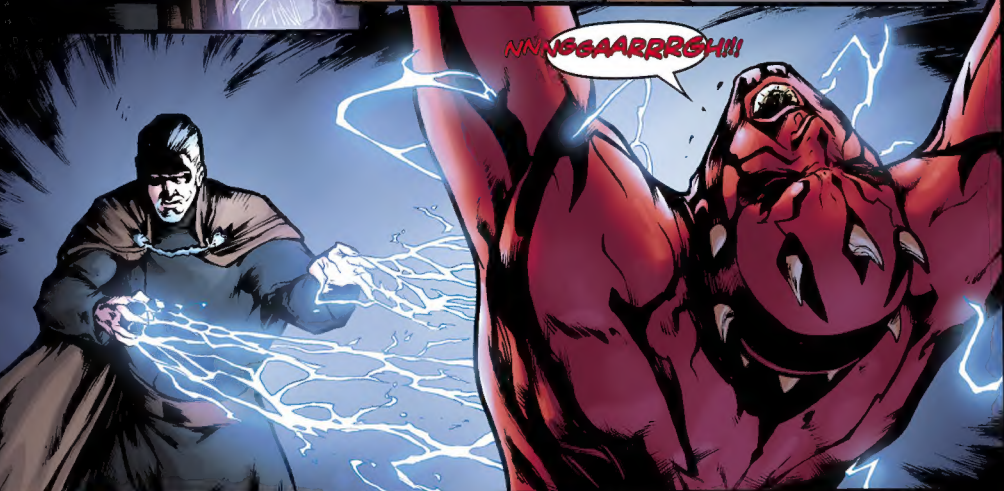
I EXPECTED... MORE.



I'LL ASK THIS ONLY ONCE.

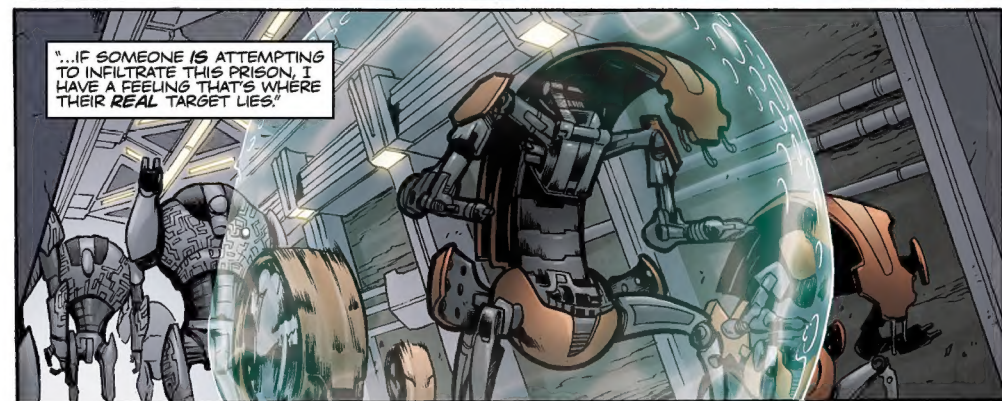
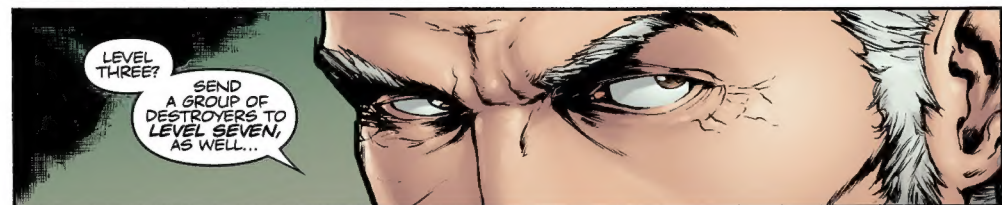
GIVE ME THE NAMES OF YOUR UNDERWORLD LEADERS AND THE LOCATIONS OF YOUR SHADOW COLLECTIVE BASES.

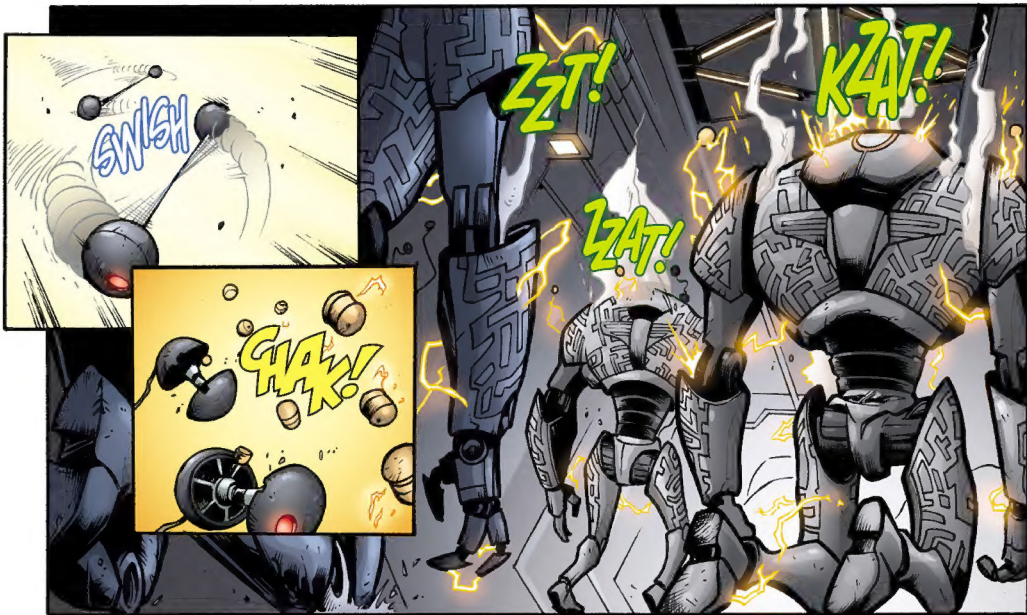
NEVER.



KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING YOU POSSESS THAT I CANNOT TAKE AWAY.

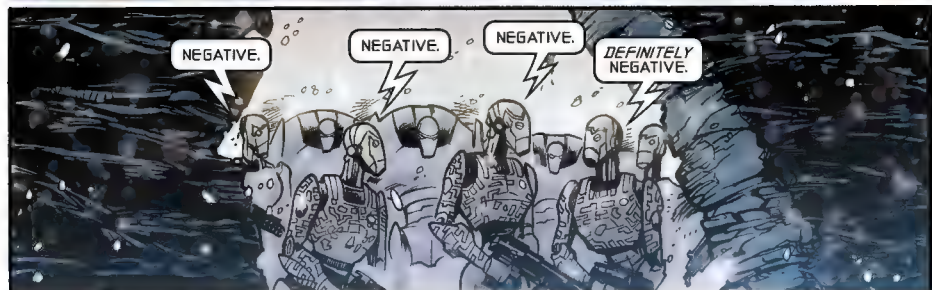
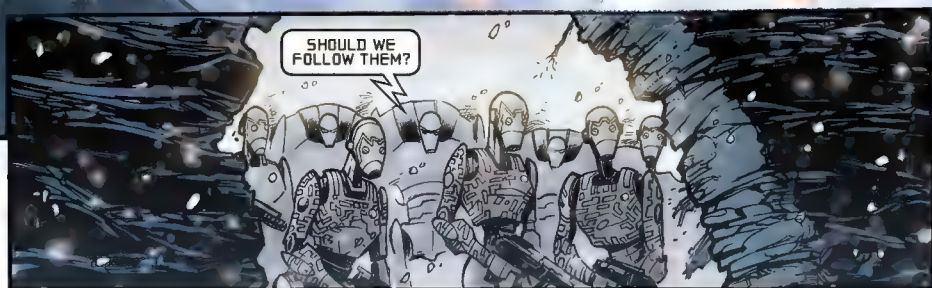
I HOPE OUR NEXT CONVERSATION WILL BE MORE FRUITFUL.

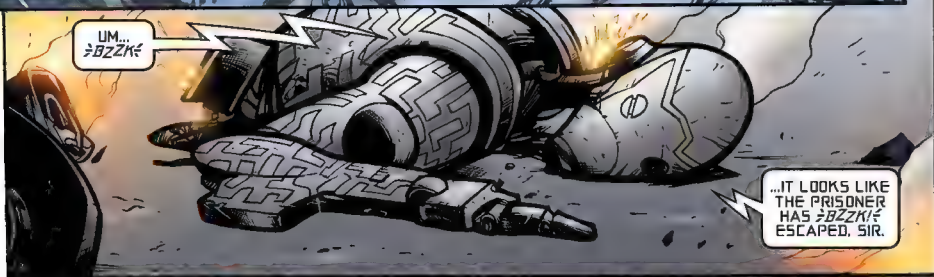
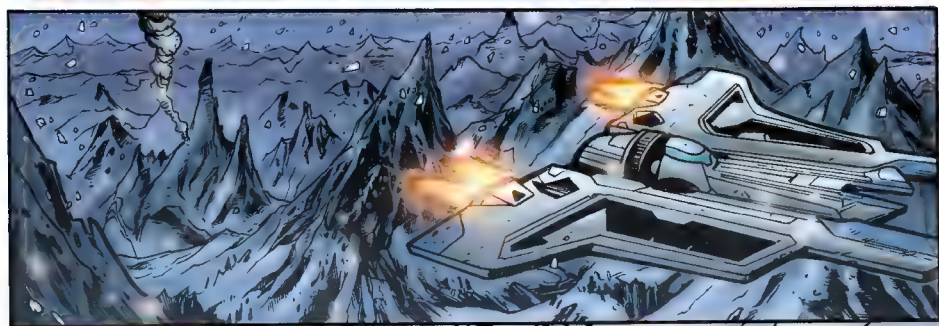
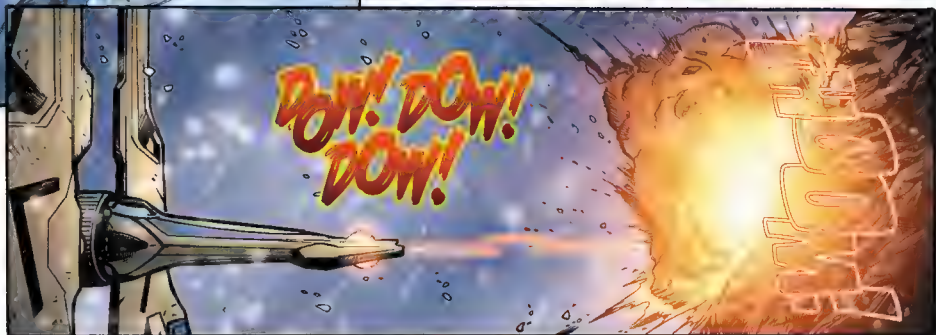












SOON...

MAUL'S SHIP HAS BEEN TRACKED TO THE PLANET ZANBAR...

...DIRECT YOUR FLEET THERE AND ENGAGE HIM. HE'S HAD TIME TO MARSHAL HIS FORCES, SO BE PREPARED.

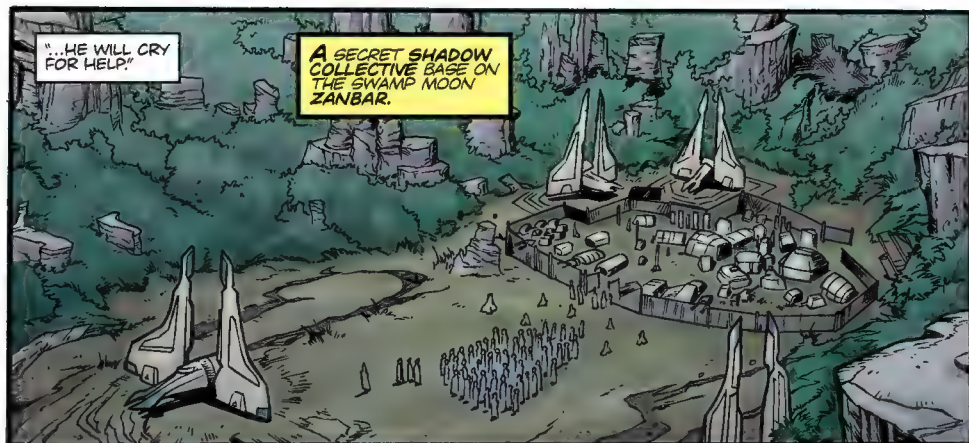
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED MAUL WHEN YOU HAD HIM IN YOUR CUSTODY. I TOLD YOU HE WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO LET LIVE.

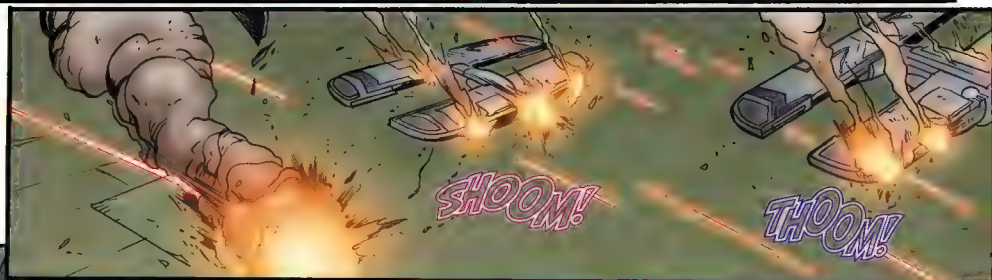
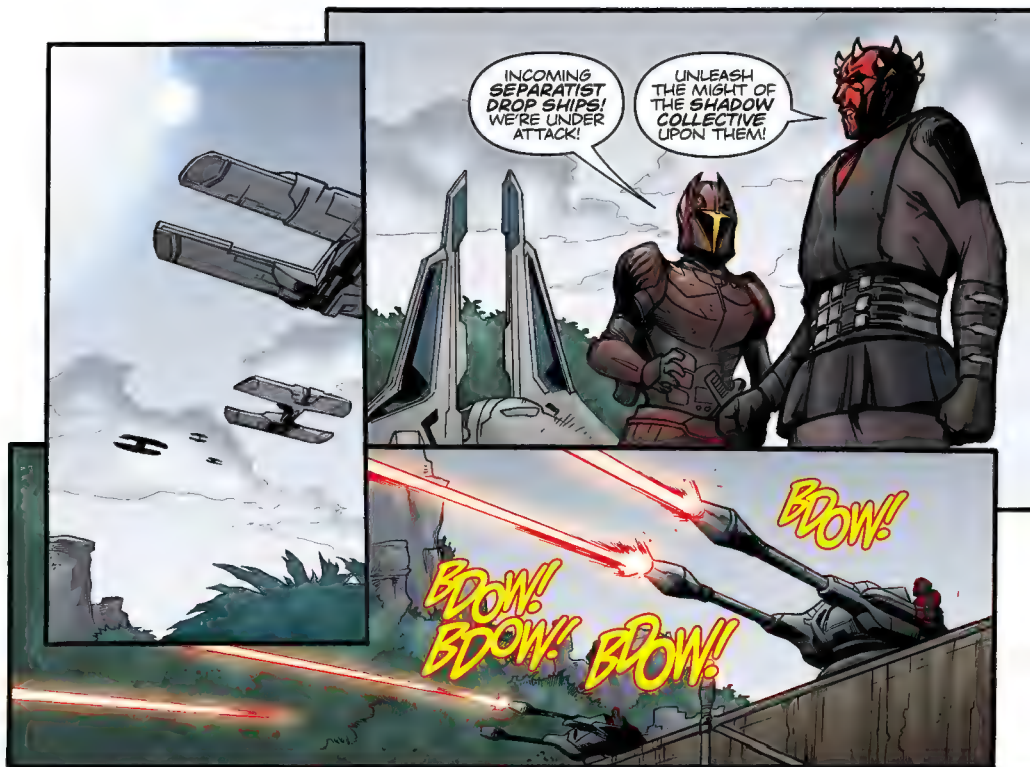
DO NOT QUESTION THE PLANS OF MY MASTER.

REMEMBER -- YOU MUST HURT MAUL, BUT NOT DESTROY HIM. WEAKEN HIS FORCES, INJURE HIS PRIDE.

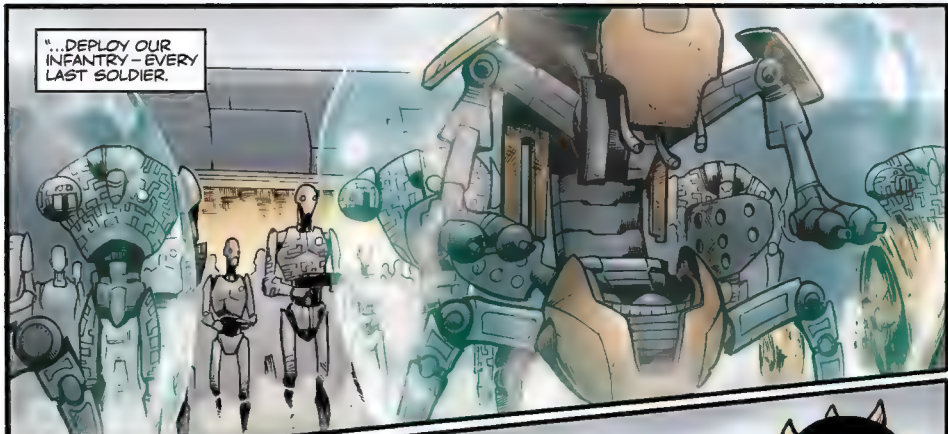
WHAT THEN, MY LORD?

THEN HE WILL DO WHAT ANY CHILD WOULD...

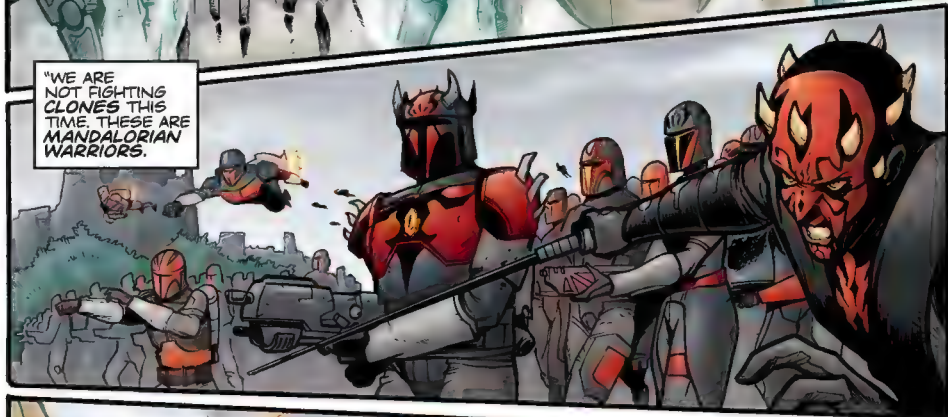




"...DEPLOY OUR
INFANTRY - EVERY
LAST SOLDIER."



"WE ARE
NOT FIGHTING
CLONES THIS
TIME. THESE ARE
MANDALORIAN
WARRIORS."



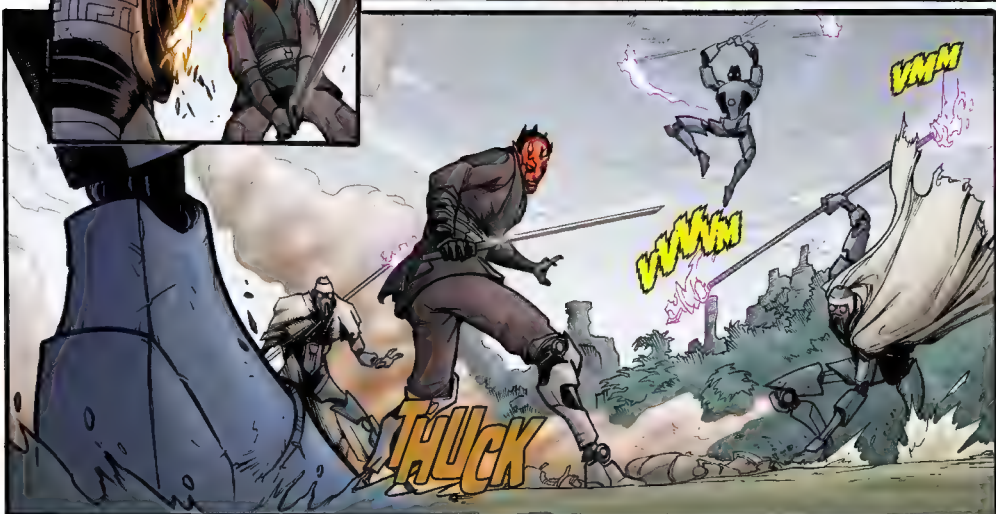
"SEND IN EVERYTHING WE
HAVE AND LET US HOPE
THAT WILL BE ENOUGH."



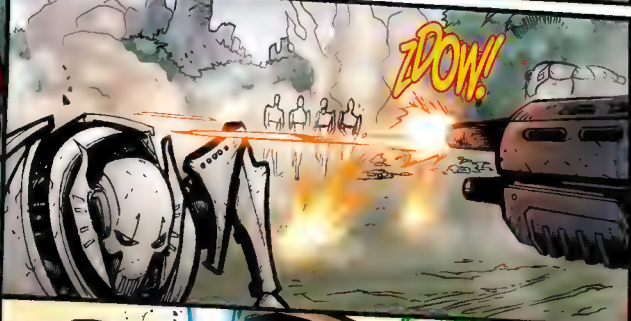
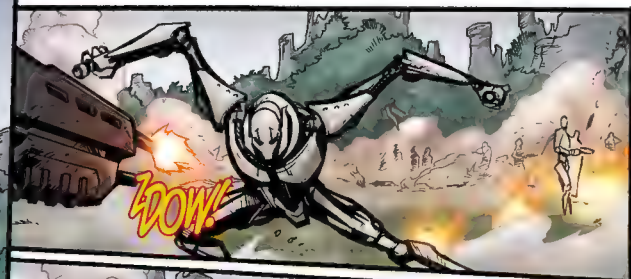
"BECAUSE I CAN
CALCULATE WITH
CERTAINTY, BASED
ON EXPERIENCE..."

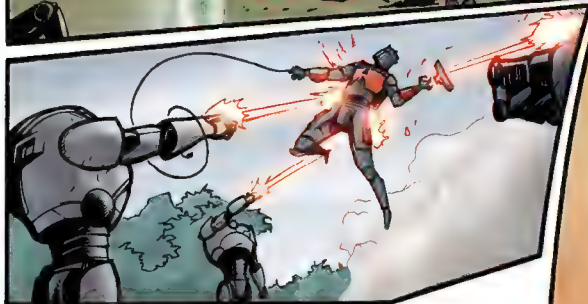
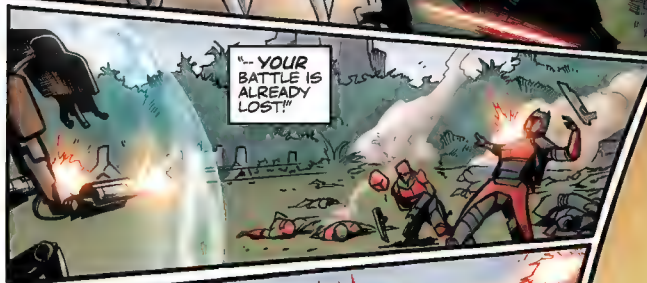
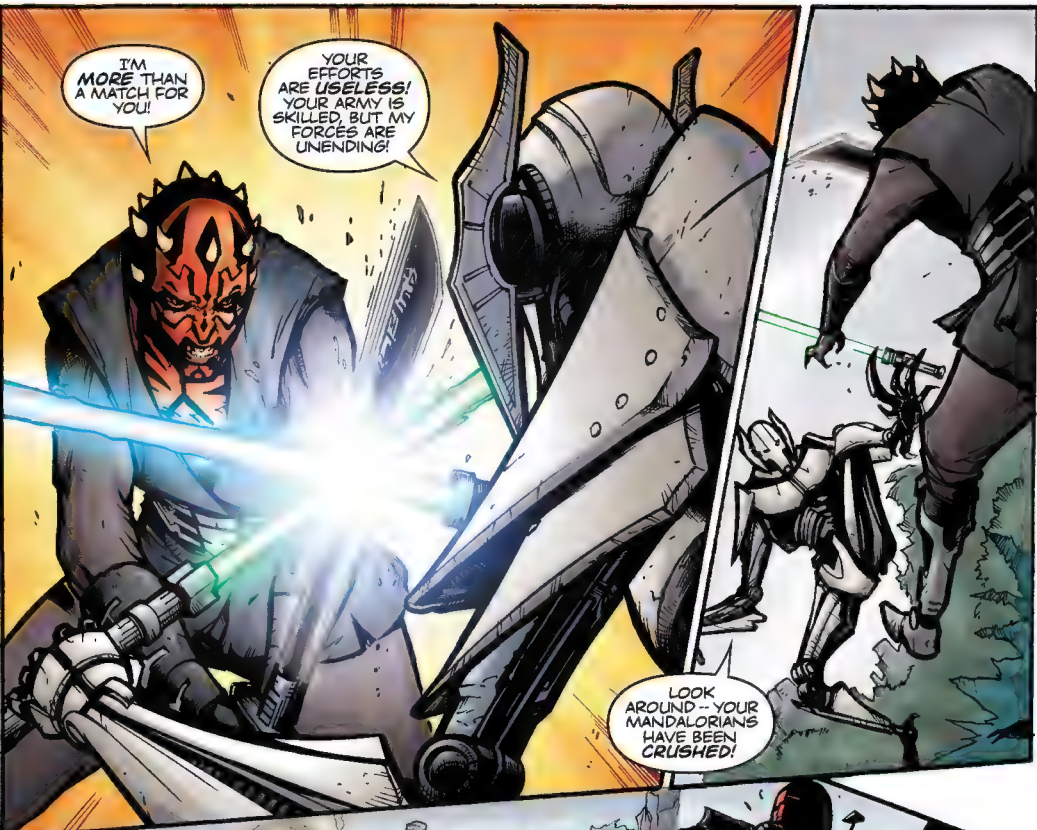
"...THE ODDS
ARE STACKED
AGAINST US!"

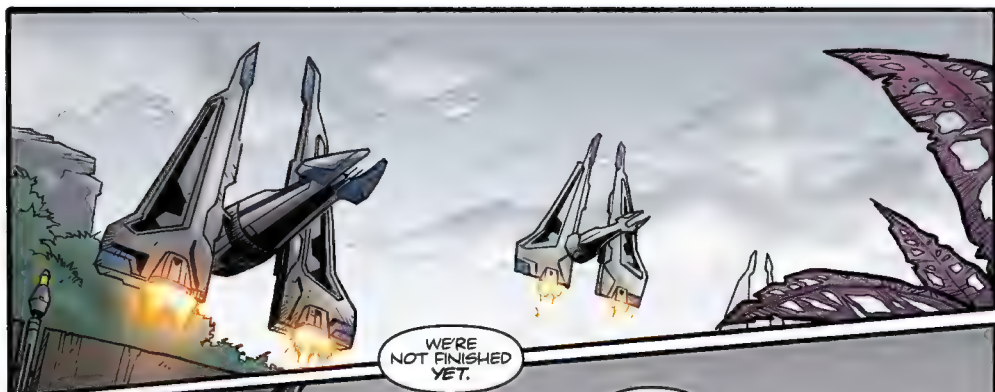










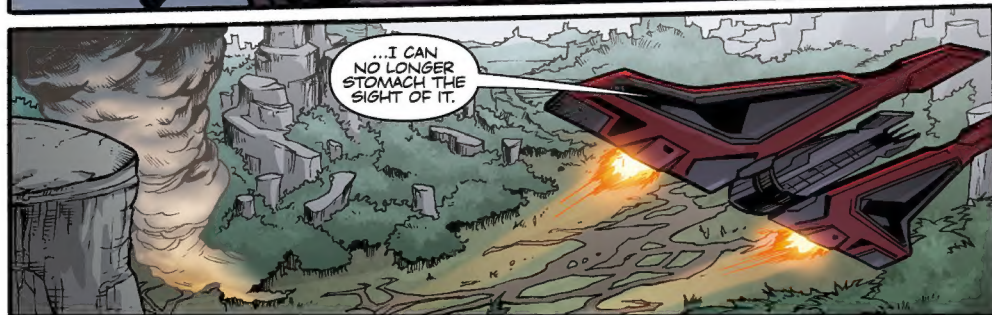


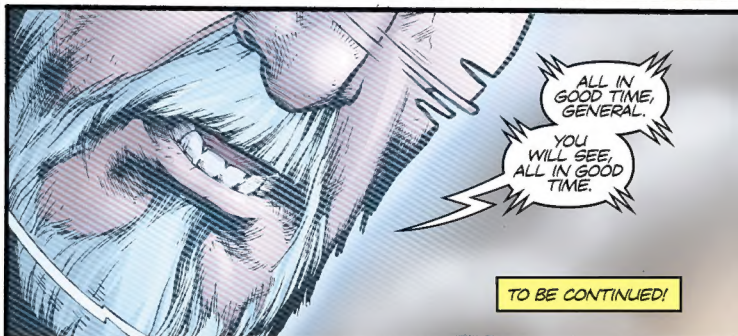
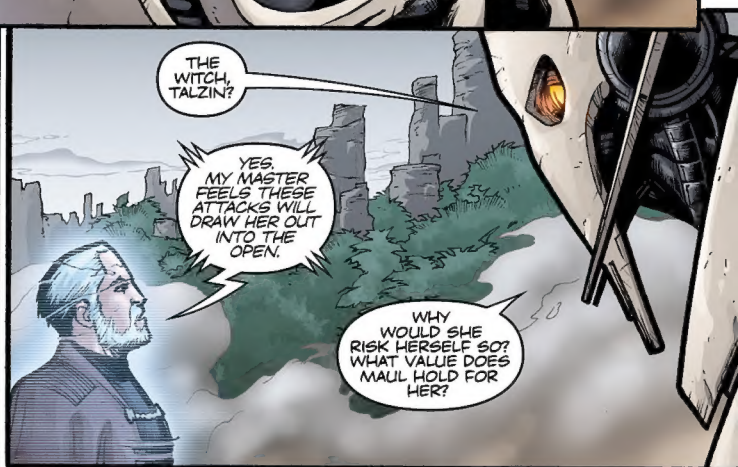
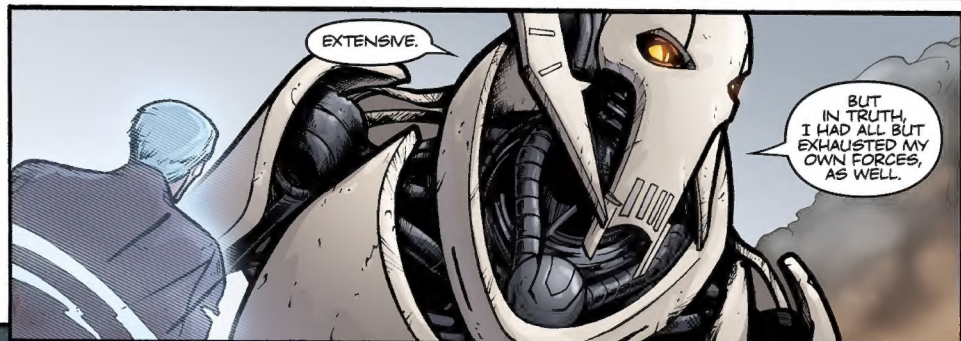
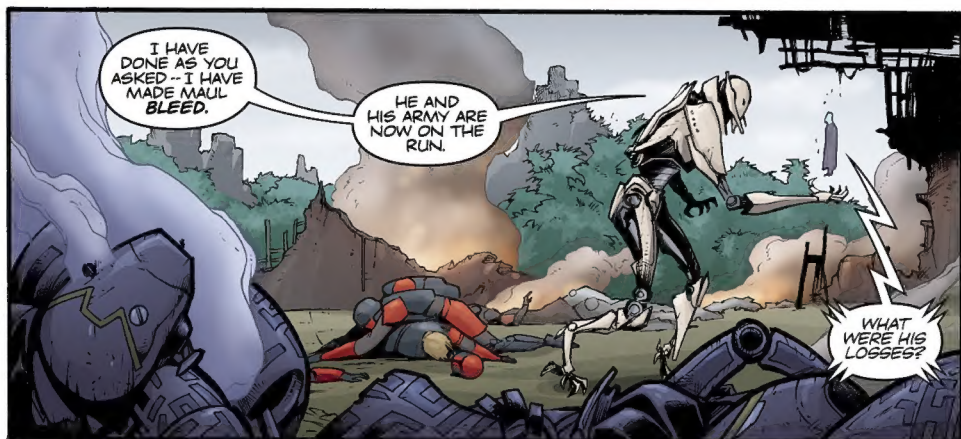
WE'RE
NOT FINISHED
YET.



MY
GAUNTLET
FIGHTERS
HAVE YET TO
ENTER THE
FIGHT!







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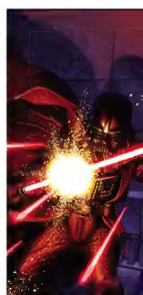
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